



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – November 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Mentor Text: **Charlotte’s Web**

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

RL 2.1 – Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

RL 2.5 – Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.

RL 2.6 – Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.

RL 2.7 – Use information gained from illustrations and words in print to demonstrate the understanding of characters, setting or plot.

Writing: Fiction Writing Piece

Writing 2.3: Write narratives in which students recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, including details for describing actions, thoughts, and feelings, using temporal words to signal event order, and providing a sense of closure.

Phonics: This month we will be working on the following spelling patterns:

- Consonant diagraphs *th, wh, sh*
- R-controlled *ar, or, oar, ore*
- Contractions
- R-controlled *er, ir, ur*

Conventions: Students will produce, expand, and rearrange simple and compound sentences.

Math: GoMath! Chapter 3-Addition and Subtraction

This month students will:

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction
- Add and subtract within 20
- Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundation for multiplication

In this chapter, we will explore and discover answers to the following essential questions:

- How can you use patterns and strategies to find sums and differences for basic facts?
- What are some strategies for remembering addition and subtraction facts?
- How are addition and subtraction related?

Social Studies:

This month we will be working on good citizenship.



Technology:

During the month of November, your child will be focusing their navigation skills using their prior practice of keyboarding and mouse expertise, along with proper use of the Internet. We will be using online tools to help maximize these skills. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed.

What’s New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We are continuing our journey of folk music around the world through our textbook series “The Music Connection”, grade 2. We will be singing together and solo as well as sample percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will learn 3 songs to work with beat competency, pitch matching, read a simple rhythm pattern, discuss Christopher Columbus, proper play of rhythm sticks, analyze music, learn major, minor, duple, triple, learn Hoedown dance, and begin study of Orff Barred Instruments for proper mallet technique.

Ms. Eliot: Students will revisit some favorite songs to review rhythms and movements with music.

*IMPORTANT DATES

11/6 – Election Day – No School for Students

11/9 – Class Trip – Showplace Bowling

11/12 – Veteran’s Day – No School

11/22 & 11/23 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School

11/27 – Report Cards Distributed

11/28 – Half Day – 11:20am dismissal

Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:20pm-2:20pm

Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:00pm-8:00pm

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please make sure your child has sharpened pencils each day.
- Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers on Fridays.
- Check your child’s homework daily for accuracy and completion.

PTA News

-Thank you Panther families for making our 1st trunk or treat possible. We truly appreciate your generosity and support.

-Our 2nd Pretzels for Panthers sale will be held on Friday, 11/2 during all three lunch periods for \$1 each. Pre-K – 12 are encouraged to participate. Please be reminded that Pretzels for Panthers will be the 1st Friday of each month.

-Thank you to those who have participated in our World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser.

-Please join us on 11/8 for “Pies with the PTA” at 7:00pm for your chance to win a raffle and to discuss more about what’s to come for elementary. We will be serving freshly baked pies.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

November is a month to give thanks! I am so thankful for all of the family members who have supported our children so far this school year. We would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organized this year’s Halloween event “Trunk or Treat” for our Elementary School students.

This month we will be celebrating the importance of reading here at school, but reading at home is very important too. The benefits of independent reading include improved vocabulary, verbal fluency, and enhanced general academic achievement. Please be sure that your child is reading books on their independent reading level provided by their teacher.

One of my favorite quotes from Dr. Seuss is, “The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go.” I cannot wait to see all the places our children will go.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi